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In re application of) Examiner Janelle Combs Morillo
Venema et al) Group Art Unit 1742
Serial No. 10/706,846) Atty. Docket No. 4430-031234
(03-1257)
Confirmation No. 6084)
Filed 11/12/2003) Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
For Method of Manufacturing)
A Near-Net Shape Alloy Product)

Rule 116 AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

December 22, 2005

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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